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SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT TO INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

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1. SECRETARY VANCE HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING COMMERCIALY
FROM SECRETARY ROEL:

2. BEGIN QUOTE. AS YOUR EXCELLENCY IS AWARE, THE TERMS OF
VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE WILL
TERMINATE IN FEBRUARY 1979, AMONG THEM A LATIN AMERICAN
DOCTOR EDUARDO JIMENEZ DE ARECHAGA OF URUGUAY. FOR THIS
REASON THE MEXICAN NATIONAL GROUP OF THE PERMANENT COURT
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OF ARBITRATION INFORMED THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE
UNITED NATIONS IN FEBRUARY 1978 OF ITS AGREEMENT TO PROPOSE
TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE
UNITED NATIONS IN THEIR NEXT SESSION THE CANDIDATURE OF
AMBASSADOR DOCTOR ANTONIO GOMEZ ROBLEDO TO FILL THE
VACANCY CORRESPONDING TO THE LATIN AMERICAN REGION THAT
WILL OCCUR IN THE COURT IN 1979.

IN THIS REGARD PERMIT ME TO INFORM YOUR EXCELLENCY THAT MY GOVERNMENT WOULD BE VERY PLEASED IF IT COULD RELY ON YOUR EXCELLENCY'S SUPPORT IN THE RESPECTIVE VOTES THAT WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL AS WELL AS IN THE GENERAL

ASSEMBLY. COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE END QUOTE.

3. PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE ROEL MESSAGE APPROPRIATELY ON BEHALF OF ACTING SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER. YOU MAY EXPLAIN THAT THE SECRETARY IS OUT OF THE CITY, BUT THAT, AS THE DEPARTMENT STATED IN A NOTE TO THE EMBASSY OF MEXICO MARCH 31, THIS GOVERNMENT CUSTOMARILY AWAITS THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF UNITED NATIONS REGIONAL GROUPS BEFORE REACHING A DECISION. YOU MAY ASSURE SECRETARY ROEL THAT THIS GOVERNMENT HAS THE HIGHEST REGARD FOR THE OUTSTANDING QUALITIES OF AMBASSADOR GOMEZ ROBLEDO, AND WILL GIVE THE MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO HIS CANDIDACY WHEN THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES IS DETERMINED.

4. FYI: U.S. NATIONAL GROUP ON PERMANENT COURT OF ARBITRATION, WHICH IS AUTHORIZED MAKE NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION TO ICJ, NOMINATED BRAZILIAN. AS GROUP IS AN INDEPENDENT BODY, THIS DOES NOT COMMIT USG TO SUPPORT BRAZILIAN CANDIDATURE BUT WILL BE AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN OUR DECISION IF THERE IS NOT AN AGREED REGIONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CANDIDATE. SEE REFTEL. CHRISTOPHER

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